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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The people of the State of Illinois were shocked to learn of the tragic incident at Northern Illinois University in Cole Hall on February 14, 2008; and

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate were deeply saddened to learn of the five students who were tragically slain on the campus of NIU that day: Gayle Dubowski of Carol Stream, Catalina Garcia of Cicero, Julianna Gehant of Mendota, Ryanne Mace of Carpentersville, and Daniel Parmenter of Westchester; and

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WHEREAS, Our concern reaches further to the 18 students who were also injured victims of this tragedy; and we wish speedy recovery to those still hospitalized or recovering from their wounds, both physical and emotional, and commend those who are assisting in that recovery; and

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WHEREAS, Our hearts go out to entire Northern Illinois University community as they grapple with the impact of this attack and join together to address the needs of the students and go forward as a university community; and

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WHEREAS, We applaud the first responders for their swift action in an attempt to end the attack and prevent any further

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1 tragedy; and

2 WHEREAS, We commend the medical emergency personnel for
3 their decisive and heroic actions in assisting the victims;
4 therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
7 the entire State of Illinois, for the Northern Illinois
8 University community; as we reflect on this unfathomable
9 incident, we recognize that recovery and healing will be a
10 school and community endeavor and that this is a time during
11 which the entire State should come together to mend; and be it
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to the President of Northern Illinois University and
15 to the families of Gayle Dubowski, Catalina Garcia, Julianna
16 Gehant, Ryanne Mace, and Daniel Parmenter as an expression of
17 our heartfelt sympathy.